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1. Two actions are reported scheduled to occur throughout the Russian Zone at some unspecified date in the future: the removal of all non-SED personnel from administrative positions and a purge of the SED itself of all elements considered untrustworthy. This internal and external purge is known by the code name "Aktion Gottwald."

2. At the end of February and the beginning of March 1948, secret sessions of SED functionaries were held throughout the Russian Zone to prepare for the action. Lists of very reliable SED members qualified for administration, education, police, and other functions were made up. SED functionaries were informed that the action would also involve the automatic rearrest of any person who had been previously arrested for any reason.

25X1A [redacted] Comment: The reported removal of many non-SED members from the Central Administration for Industry appears to be in line with this policy.)

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